

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. I believe that it is a violation of federal law to air this as a news program.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get what's good for the corporation, not the community. Sinclair is essentially forcing its affiliates to campaign for a particular candidate. Instead, they should be showing real people from their own communities and substantive news about issues that matter to the community.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The FCC has a responsibility to limit this type of misuse of the public airways. Thank you.